

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 30-59, 61-80 and 83-86 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 59 and 61 without introducing any new matter; and cancels Claims 87-90 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The outstanding Office Action rejected Claims 59, 61-74 and 77-80 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 30-58 and 83-86 were allowed and Claims 75-76 and 87-90 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, the features of allowable Claim 87 are incorporated into independent Claim 59; and those of allowable Claim 88 are incorporated into independent Claim 61. Claims 87-90 are thus cancelled. Therefore, all pending claims are now believed to be allowable.

In response to the rejection of Claims 59, 61-74 and 77-80 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. However, since independent Claims 59 and 61 have been amended to recite the features of allowable Claims 87 and 88, respectively, the rejection is now moot.

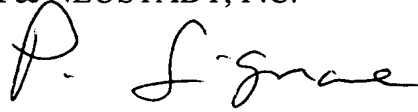
Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 30-59, 61-80 and 83-86 is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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